


REMARKS:

In the above amendment, original claims 1-6 have been cancelled, and new claims 7-34 have been added. In the new claims, claims 7, 15, 23 and 29 are independent claims. The original claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants believe that replacement claims 7-34 have obviate the objection to the claims.

The Examiner indicated in the Office Action that References A2 and A3 submitted on June 9, 2004 with the Information Disclosure Statement were not considered because no copy of the references was provided. Applicants looked up the PAIR and found copies of References A2 and A3. One is identified on the PAIR as the foreign reference (10 pages) dated June 14, 2004, which is Reference A2. The other is identified on the PAIR as NPL Documents (5 pages) dated June 14, 2004, which Applicants believe is Reference A3 (the page number matches). Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider References A2 and A3 submitted the June 9, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement.

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